

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Hanson

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Address: 585 Indian Head Street

Historic Name: Albert H. and Mary Hall
House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Dwelling

Original: Single-Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1923

Source: White's History, Plan No. 6, Page 117

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder: Herman Beal

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingle/Wood

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

None

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Mid-twentieth century attached garage, new front entry porch, door, windows , and deck (installed since 2015), and additions to north and south façade

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ **yes** ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .79 Acres

Setting: Located on one of Hanson's main thoroughfares in an area of predominantly single-family homes ranging from early eighteenth century farmhouses to early twentieth century developments on substantial lots which includes grass lawns, numerous mature trees, bushes, and other vegetation.

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The one-and-a-half story building has a T-shaped footprint and a clipped, cross-gable roof. The asphalt shingled roofs extend east to west along the south side of the building, with a large, clipped gable roof extending out from the center of the south roof slope which is slightly lower than the east/west roof. The house has smaller, one-story additions to the north and south facades as well. The gable and clipped gable-end roofs extend down over the wood shingled facades of the house with wood trimmed eaves and soffits and short, narrow returns at their lower ends. Aside from this unusual roof detail, the facades are simple in design with no corner boards or additional trim. A single tall, narrow corbeled brick chimney is visible along the roof ridge in the northwest corner of the building. The double hung windows have largely been replaced with six-over-one wood replacement windows.

The house faces east towards Indian Head Street. The wide clipped gable-end is located at the center of the façade and has a set of three double hung windows in its pediment which match the width of its clipped roof. On the first floor, a set of three double hung windows, a wider window surrounded by two narrow ones, and a pair of double hung windows are located at either end of the façade. The façade steps back on either side of the gable-end. To the south of the gable end, the façade is set only a few inches back from the corner and extends to the south. The entrance is located in the right corner and has a Craftsman style wood door with a rectangular six-pane window at its upper edge over wood panels. The door opens onto a newer wood deck with tall wood railings and square, capped posts. Wood stairs with wood railings and square balusters lead to the driveway from the east end of the landing. This porch and entry door were added sometime after 2015, as a Google maps image of the building from that year shows an early twentieth century entry with a short entrance hood and square posts. Another pair of windows are located to the left of the door.

A small shed-roofed addition to the south façade of the house begins below the clipped gable-end pediment and is flush with the east façade of the house. A single window is located on its east façade, while two windows are located on the south facade, one in the gable-end pediment and a second in the south façade of the addition. To the southeast of this addition, the land drops down and a mid-twentieth century shed-roofed garage has been attached to the house. The roof of the garage extends across the center of the addition's south façade and ends about a foot above the ground on the east façade. The garage doors are located on the west façade of the garage and are not visible from the street, but two double hung windows are visible along its south façade.

At the center of the north façade is a short, clipped gable dormer with two small double hung windows and the same wood trim surrounding the eaves. In the northeast corner of the façade, a narrow one-story addition extends to the north. While this may be a later addition, it has a similar clipped gable roof with wood trimmed eaves and short returns. The addition is set back about a foot from the west façade of the main gable-end and has a small pair of double hung windows on its east façade. A set of four tall, narrow casement windows are centered on its north façade. Behind the addition and filling in the northwest corner of the house is a large wood deck with heavy wood posts and narrow wood railings and balusters. This deck is also not present in the 2015 Google maps image of the property.

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The property is located on the corner of Indian Head Street and Indian Trail and slopes down to the west. The majority of the site is open grass lawn with small groupings of mature trees located to the east of the house and along the south and west property lines. The paved driveway extends in a semicircle in front of the house, with a branch leading along the south property line to the garage area in the southwest corner of the site.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to White's History of Hanson, the first house on this site, built for George Truitt in 1845, burned down in 1921. In 1923, the present house was built. On March 28, 1921, the property had changed hands—passing from Abbie Estes, wife of Edmund Estes of Fall River, to Albert and Mary Hall, a couple in their seventies from Quincy, MA.¹ Both Albert (1871-1944) and Mary had immigrated from Ireland and Albert has worked in Quincy as a real estate salesman. The 1921 deed lists "...the land and buildings thereon..." but it is unclear when the fire occurred in relation to this exchange, or whether portions of an earlier building on the site were incorporated into the existing home. The home was originally located on a thirty-eight-acre-property but portions were sold off and subdivided over the years. According to White, Herman Beal (1874-1950), husband to Cora May Estes (1882-1952), was one of the carpenters on the job. He was born August 27, 1874 to Helen Gray and Alonzo Beal and died in 1950. Herman married Cora, the daughter of Charles and Ruth Estes, on November 16, 1906.

In 1925, two years after the house was rebuilt, Albert H and Mary E Hall sold the home to John J and Emma M. Kenney.² Later that same year, the home was foreclosed and Denis J. and Grace M. Sullivan purchased the home under a power-of-sale mortgage in 1926.³ The home proceeded to change hands every two years for the next eight years. In 1928, Sullivan sold the home to Perley D. and Susie H. Holt, who sold it in 1930 to Calvin D. and Alice G. Lecrone.⁴ In 1932, the Lecrones sold the home to Wolcott and Lottie Beach.⁵ During this period, the house number was 71—not 585—Indian Head Street.

In 1938, the home was foreclosed again and purchased from the bank by Arthur and Belle A. Simpson, a couple from Arlington, MA, who then sold the home that same year to Doris Gavin. Gavin sold the home to Lester Lasher in 1944 (1858, 438) Lester Lawrence Lasher (1891-1953), born January 18, 1891 in Wayne County, NY and was the president of Product's Preferred of Boston through the 1940s. Helen Lasher inherited the home from Lester after his death in 1953.⁶

John M. Gingras and Helen Lasher Gingras sold the home to Joseph F. and Lillian McLaughlin in 1961.⁷ In 1968, the property was subdivided and sold to Frank Joseph Hoder (1918-2008), a decorated war veteran and builder in the construction industry.⁸ The exception was the lot with the current house (shown as Lot #2 on Hoder's

¹ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 1385, Page 398-399

² Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 1480, Page 130

³ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 1517, Page 450

⁴ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 1591, Page 515

⁵ A portion of the property was conveyed to United Cape Cod Cranberry Co in deed 1655, 173 by Wolcott F and Lottie B Beach in 1934. Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 1629, Page 76

⁶ A portion of the property was conveyed to Gerald A. Proffitt in deed 2354, 152 in 1954 after the death of Lester Lasher.

⁷ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 2884, Page 386

⁸ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 3474, Page 579; Subdivision shown on Frank J. Hoder's 1969 Plan by Pilgrim Land Survey Inc recorded in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 3573, 443. <http://www.wickedlocal.com/x1751710192/OBITUARIES-NOVEMBER>

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1969 Survey by the Pilgrim Land Survey Inc.) which remained in the McLaughlin's ownership and was by this time was known as 585 Indian Head Street. The McLaughlins sold the house shortly thereafter to Thomas and Evelyn Barr,⁹ who sold the house in 1977 to Philip and Kristin Robinson. The Robinsons originally lived there with Jean Anderson LeCouras until Jean married and moved out.¹⁰ The Robinsons then sold the home to its current owners, Julia Pilote and Shane Morrison, in 1998.¹¹

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⁹ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 3546, Page 379. It was ratified again in 1970 and recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 3573, Page 443

¹⁰ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 4249, Page 658; Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 6648, Page 220

¹¹ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 16432, Page 89

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